



PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

13 July, 2016

Hon. Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Buffalo Tract Protection Act.

Dear Senator Heinrich,

The Pueblo of Santa Ana strongly supports, the Buffalo Tract Protection Act, which will ensure that Santa Ana Pueblo and our neighbors in southern Sandoval County are protected from additional gravel mines on the Buffalo Tract.

The people of Santa Ana use the Buffalo tract area for collecting items for religious use, make offerings to our ancestors, and as a route to places of reverence and worship. We hope this legislation will bring a solution in line with the BLM's mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Pueblo of Santa Ana has repeatedly asked the BLM to protect the Buffalo Tract through appropriate and available administrative means. We sincerely appreciate your ear toward our concerns and taking action on this important matter, but we are disappointed that legislation is necessary.

Sincerely,


Pueblo of Santa Ana
Myron Arriaga, Governor

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